

Amendments to Specification

(1) At page 1, please amend the title as follows:

PROCESS FOR PREPARING POLY(TRIMETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE)
BICOMPONENT FIBERS

(2) Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 4-19, to read as follows:

Poly(trimethylene terephthalate) and preferred manufacturing techniques for making poly(trimethylene terephthalate) are described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,015,789, 5,276,201, 5,284,979, 5,334,778, 5,364,984, 5,364,987, 5,391,263, 5,434,239, 5,510,454, 5,504,122, 5,532,333, 5,532,404, 5,540,868, 5,633,018, 5,633,362, 5,677,415, 5,686,276, 5,710,315, 5,714,262, 5,730,913, 5,763,104, 5,774,074, 5,786,443, 5,811,496, 5,821,092, 5,830,982, 5,840,957, 5,856,423, 5,962,745, 5,990,265, 6,235,948, 6,245,844, 6,255,442, 6,277,289, 6,281,325, 6,312,805, 6,325,945, 6,331,264, 6,335,421, 6,350,895, and 6,353,062, EP 998 440, WO 00/14041 and 98/57913, H. L. Traub, "Synthese und textilchemische Eigenschaften des Poly-Trimethyleneterephthalats", Dissertation Universitat Stuttgart (1994), S. Schauhoff, "New Developments in the Production of Poly(trimethylene terephthalate) (PTT)", Man-Made Fiber Year Book (September 1996), and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/057,497 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,538,076), all of which are incorporated herein by reference. Poly(trimethylene terephthalate)s useful as the polyester of this invention are commercially available from E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware, under the trademark Sorona.

(3) Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 6-28, to read as follows:

The poly(trimethylene terephthalate) can also be an acid-dyeable polyester composition as described in U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/708,209, filed November 8, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,576,340) (corresponding to WO 01/34693) or 09/938,760, filed August 24, 2002 (published as US 2003-0083441 A1), both of which are incorporated herein by reference. The poly(trimethylene terephthalate)s of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/708,209 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,576,340) comprise a secondary amine or secondary amine salt in an amount effective to promote acid-dyeability of the acid dyeable and acid dyed polyester compositions. Preferably, the secondary amine unit is present in the composition in an amount of at least about 0.5 mole %, more preferably at least 1 mole %. The secondary amine unit is present in the polymer composition in an amount preferably of about 15 mole % or less, more preferably about 10 mole % or less, and most preferably 5 mole % or less, based on the weight of the composition. The acid-dyeable poly(trimethylene terephthalate) compositions of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/938,760 (published as US 2003-0083441 A1) comprise poly(trimethylene terephthalate) and a polymeric additive based on a tertiary amine. The polymeric additive is prepared from (i) triamine containing secondary amine or secondary amine salt unit(s) and (ii) one or more other monomer and/or polymer units. One preferred

polymeric additive comprises polyamide selected from the group consisting of poly-imino-bisalkylene-terephthalamide, -isophthalamide and -1,6-naphthalamide, and salts thereof. The poly(trimethylene terephthalate) useful in this invention can also be cationically dyeable or dyed composition such as those described in U.S. Patent 6,312,805, which is incorporated herein by reference, and dyed or dye-containing compositions.